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Go Set a Watchman DBQ -- Background and Process

Directions

You will read about, discuss, and analyze a question based on a handful of documents that are all related to the same topic. This is called a DBQ, which stands for **Document-Based Question**.

What is a DBQ?

A document-based question, or DBQ, is a question that is rooted in documents -- articles, quotes, graphs, tables, charts, and photographs, to name a few. We read DBQs because it involves a process required of us constantly in life -- to think about what we read and to formulate clear, informed opinions based on those readings. Whether it is deciding who to vote for in an election or who to pick to win your March Madness bracket, we are frequently forced to draw conclusions based on information we receive.

What is *our* DBQ?

Does Harper Lee's portrayal of Atticus in *Go Set a Watchman* change his legacy as a literary character?

Great! What now?

Well, here is what you need to do now:

- Read over the question again, and underline the most important words.
- Circle any words that confuse you.
- Use the box below to jot down any notes about the question.

Notes on the Question

Process For Our DBQ

This week, you will work on this DBQ -- specifically, today through Wednesday. The week will break down like this:

Monday

Intro the DBQ, and then read a couple of the articles related to the question. Finish reading and annotating the articles, along with the *Go Set a Watchman* excerpt, for homework.

Tuesday

Reread an excerpt from *To Kill a Mockingbird* where the characters have a conversation about a similar topic to the one discussed in the *Watchman* excerpt. We will then have a seminar about the topic.

Wednesday

Create and fill out an outline for an essay that gives your response to the question. You will **not** have to write an essay on this; you only need to create an outline.